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DUESTROW IS GUILTY.

Murder in the First Degree is the Verdict of the Jury.

On the First Ballot the Twelve Men Were of One Mind.

Butler, Mo., Feb. 2.—The celebrated case of Dr. Arthur Duestrow has been on trial during the past month for the cold blooded murder of his wife and baby boy two years ago, ended today, the jury returning a verdict of guilty in the first degree.

After arguments that took up the greater part of Saturday and lasted until almost midnight, the case was given to the jury, the members of which went to rest without considering it. This morning the jury took up the case and on the first ballot unanimously found the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree. The result was reached without much trouble, each member of the jury seemingly having settled the case in his own mind in the interval between midnight and this morning. This verdict is received with almost universal satisfaction.

This is the second trial that Dr. Duestrow has had on the charge of murder, the first one resulting in a hung jury last year. The terrible crime with which he was charged was committed in February, 1894. One day that month, his wife awaiting his coming home to take a drive. When he came into the house, Duestrow was drunk, began to abuse his wife and finally shot her down in cold blood. He then picked up his 3-year old boy, a beautiful child, and holding it at arm's length, killed it with a pistol shot through the head. His wife lingered for several days and finally died.

After his arrest, Duestrow, with the help of his fortune, tried to evade the consequences of his crime. Ex Governor Johnson, who is credited with being one of the ablest lawyers of this State, was given charge of the case, and was assisted by Colonel Nat Dryden, Charles Nolad and J. Wesley Booth. Prosecuting Attorney Zachris of St. Louis was assisted by Bolte, prosecuting attorney of Franklin county; Judge Gallenkamp and Lee Merriweather. Counsel for the defense endeavored to establish a plea of insanity, but after two inquiries held before juries, in which much expert testimony was heard on both sides, it was given up and the case came to trial in Union, a change of venue having been taking from St. Louis. The first trial ended in a hung jury.

Throughout the last trial before Judge Hirtzel, Governor Johnson and his assistants kept up the insanity plea, and were ably seconded by the defendant, who endeavored to create the impression that he was crazy. As during the two inquiries and the former trial, the defense put on the stand a number of the most prominent physicians in the State as experts, to prove Duestrow's insanity. Equally eminent experts testified on behalf of the State, and throughout the trial there was an almost constant warfare between the opposing counsel. Arguments were finally begun on Saturday morning, in a crowded court room. Those present were disappointed that Governor Johnson was not able to speak being confined to his room with a sprained ankle.

When the result of the jury's deliberations was made known today, Duestrow's counsel said an appeal to the Supreme court would be made. Duestrow received the verdict calmly. He sat smoking a cigarette as the judge read the paper handed in by the jury. As far as external appearances go, he was the coolest man among the twenty-five lawyers, reporters and citizens assembled in the court room.

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Cornland Items.

Mrs Geo Haverfield was on the sick list last week.

Jas Romine and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a 10 pound baby girl at their house.

Rev G Dunn, of Butler, will preach at the Cornland school house on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Grandma McCay has been on the sick list for the last few weeks, but is getting better under the skillful treatment of Dr. Lockwood.

Miss Patty Irvin visited at Ovid last week.

Mrs Jas Smith was on the sick list again last week.

Lawrence Garner and George Lawrence have gone to Hickory county on a pleasure trip.

Will Carter and John Henderson, of Kansas, has returned home after an extensive visit with Earl Fox and family.

Miss Sallie Hurst visited at Rich Hill, Sunday.

We understand there will be a wedding take place in Cornland Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock p. m. second door on south side Main street looking west.

Geo Gillam and Ike Appleby are working for Chas Brasher this week.

Mr B is quite sick with fever.

We understand Frank Jackson and Chas Irvin had an enjoyable time at the ball at Metz last Tuesday night.

W S Jackson has a new carriage.

Marshall Callaway had a runaway last Saturday; he could not manage the whip and lines at the same time. No damage done.

We are informed of a wedding billed to take place across the street from the Cornland college at an early date.

Mr Barndollar and lady attended the debate at Cornland Friday night.

Chas Irvin, who is on the sick list is getting better.

Geo Clark has been quite sick for the past few weeks.

All parties living in New Home township wishing to pay their taxes can do so at Cornland on Monday, Feb. 10th.

Miss Susie Melvin, who has been sick for the past few days is better.

H H Maggart and family are visiting at Appleton City this week.

Miss Sallie Allison of Lockwood, Mo., and Anison Short, of Kansas, are the guests of W M Wood and family.

Summit Items.

That span of mules Judge Phillips traded for have some bad habits, of which the Judge will have to break them.

The chair at the Summit Literary will be held down with a vengeance for a time—250 pounds is sufficient to hold most anything down except an argument.

Jim Phillips has been confined to his bed with something like congestion of the stomach and bowels. Dr Christy is the attending physician.

Stevenson and Oliver have about 400 head of cattle on stalks, in eastern Summit.

H Rhine has sold his farm and, we understand, is going to move on a farm east of Ballard. We don't like to lose our good citizens, however, our loss will be Spruce's gain.

The Literary string band was practicing Thursday evening for Friday night's Literary, and we may expect some good music.

Mr Editor, let us inform the Lick Skillet correspondent for the Democrat for the party named in his item, that said party has studied both the old and new map of Bates county, and also the phenological features of said correspondent's cranium, and find that the back organs of his brain are the only prominent features in his development except one we will not mention at this writing.

We heard the remark made that B E Parker has a self-appointed guardian. Bennie has grown most too old and self-willed to be a very obedient ward.

Sorry we could not attend the musicale at the residence of W B Tyler Thursday evening. A number of the neighbors were present and spent a few hours of the most pleasurable pastime with the large hearted host

and family.

We notice the mail carrier from Butler to Johnstown is carrying the mail on a horse, which he thinks is an improvement on the hack at the present time.

A good paper was a noticeable feature of the Literary Friday night, by Mrs Shubert and Burr Reybourn. Yet Col Shubert, the orator, got down to real business in his argument on the revelations of the Bible. He traced it from Genesis to Revelations, then got lost and went into the revelations of Joseph Smith and found himself, finally, singing and reciting the verses of an old reel, which is calculated to make even a church officer's toes feel light.

GROVER

Business Ruined by Mud.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 3.—The roads are practically bottomless quagmires and their condition has put an embargo on trade and business of all kinds. They have not been in such utterly impassable condition in twenty years before. In places it is impossible to move an empty wagon with a team of horses.

Farmers, who come to town come on horseback or on foot. This condition of things has been brought about by the high temperature of the past week together with the showers and continuously foggy atmosphere. The net result of this condition of things is very marked as there is depressing stagnation in mercantile business of all kinds.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Virginia Items.

"In writing news for the TIMES this year, it will be things we see or hear, and if we get them wrong or mixed, kind friends forgive us for this is '96."

Dr Mitchell was called to see Geo Paulman's little boy last week, who was quite sick.

Mrs W W Park had a sewing party last Wednesday.

The Sabbath school teachers meet at the M E church every Thursday.

Albert Pilgrim says it's not a popular it's a W C T U.

Quite a number of farmers are talking of organizing a workman's order here; they will meet soon to arrange by-laws and pass words.

W K Elliott bought a farm in Anderson Co Kansas, but will live at New Home this summer.

Mr Henry, of Nebraska, has rented the John Lyle farm.

Grandma Dobbins is confined to her home again. She is 78 years of age and has been a hard worker all her life. She has resided in Bates county 30 years.

Miss Lydia Park is on the sick list. Frank Summers and Ed Addison of Panama, are visiting their brothers-in-law, Isaac Lockridge and Hez Williams.

W W Park was on the sick list last Sabbath.

C H Morrison wants a man with a small family to crop with him, or will rent 40 acres for cash.

E G Nolin and Andrew Harryman, of Rockville, stopped here Monday night on their way from Linn county Kansas.

Uncle Israel Nestlerode fell out of the wagon last week and hurt himself pretty bad. He is 81 years old and getting quite feeble.

Rev John Taylor, of Mulberry, who has been sick for six months, died last Monday, Jan. 27th. He leaves a wife and four children. He is a son-in-law of Robert Clark of Butler.

For a number of years he preached at Mulberry, also at Blue Mound, Kansas, until his throat gave way. Rev Williamson of Amoret, conducted the funeral service from the text, "Let me die the death of the righteous and my last end be like him." Num. 23:10. Rev Gibson of Pittsburg, Kan., an old school mate of Mr Taylor's was present and paid a loving tribute to his memory, saying the more you knew him the more he was loved. He was laid to rest in Mulberry graveyard followed by a large concourse of friends.

Miss Sadie Whinnery, accompanied by Miss Grace Coulter, spent Saturday with her parents, and was pleasantly surprised by about thirty young people who spent a most enjoyable evening.

The oyster supper at Ben Comiford's Tuesday night was voted a success by the young folks.

Mr Oroulek has been appointed clerk of the Virginia grave yard in place of W W Park, resigned. Mr O has a map of the ground and will kindly assist any one in locating lots.

Willbur Park is busy sawing lumber. Any one wanting lumber give him a call; half mile north of Lee Browning.

Listen! there will be two weddings in the near future; parties live west, south, north and possibly northeast of Virginia.

NEW HOME ITEMS.

Henry Littlefield and Billy Miller changed harness Monday with but two words uttered.

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